

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 722

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Molly Seal for
meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize those outstanding Tennesseans who have risen to the top of their respective fields and who have been honored by their peers for their professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, one such eminent resident of this State is Dr. Molly Seal, who will be honored at the Seventh Annual Baroness Erlanger Foundation Distinguished Physicians' Brunch on January 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the event, a fundraiser for the Baroness Erlanger Foundation, will begin with a reception at 10:00 A.M. at the Chattanooga Hotel in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Seal was chosen to be honored for her unquestionable character, as well as her commitment and excellence in medicine within the region's medical community; and

WHEREAS, a board-certified ophthalmologist with Seal, Lawrence, and Nicola, Dr. Molly Seal received her medical degree from the University of Texas, Southwestern, in Dallas; after completing her internship and residency at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga (UTCOCM), based at Erlanger, she became an active member of the Erlanger medical staff in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Seal was the seventh physician to complete the ophthalmology residency program at UTCOCM and one of the first female physicians to practice in the area; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Seal notes that the small number of female physicians practicing in the Chattanooga medical community in 1969, as compared to today, "is a light-and-dark situation...Now female physicians are numerous and totally accepted"; and

WHEREAS, a faculty member at UTCOMC since 1984, Dr. Seal currently serves as Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Seal says that she has become more and more devoted to the teaching program at Erlanger over the years, adding that "Erlanger's academic environment is stimulating, providing physicians with access to medical conferences and research programs"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly honor an outstanding practitioner of this vital profession; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Molly Seal upon her being honored at the Seventh Annual Baroness Erlanger Foundation Distinguished Physicians' Brunch, thank her for her years of service to her profession and to the citizens of this State, and offer her our best wishes for every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.